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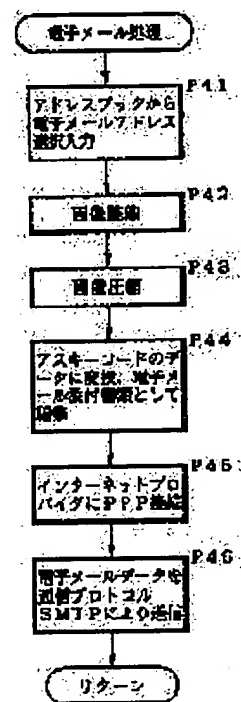
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(54) FACSIMILE EQUIPMENT

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a facsimile equipment capable of transmitting an electronic mail.

SOLUTION: An electronic mail application program is installed in a control section of the facsimile equipment by which the program is boosted. In the case of selecting the electronic mail mode, the electronic mail application program is started, an electronic mail is entered (step P41), a scanner of the facsimile equipment reads an original (step P42), codes of outputted image data are converted into codes (ASCII) that are processed by an attachment document of the electronic mail and the attachment document for the electronic mail is prepared (step P44). The facsimile equipment is connected to an Internet provider (step P45), and the electronic mail consisting of a header and the attached document is sent to an electronic mail server (step P46). Even an image is transmitted as an electronic mail only by providing a very small additional component in the facsimile equipment.



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